# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL
# LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF COAL FROM INDONESIA
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is importing or proposes to import coal from Indonesia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cases of ill effects on health of public from coal imported from Indonesia due to its high ash content and inflammability have come to the notice of the Government;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the States to whom this coal has been supplied so far?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b): Government do not import coal directly. Since coal is under Open General Licence (OGL), consumers are free to import coal based on their requirement.

(c): Ministry of Coal has not yet received any such complaint of ill effects on health of public from coal imported from Indonesia due to its high ash content and inflammability.

(d)&(e): Do not arise in view of reply given at (c) above.

(f): As stated above, Government do not import coal. Therefore, question of supply of imported coal by Central Government to various States does not arise.